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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 217687, PARA THREE, RE CONSULAR TALKS: WE SUGGEST YOU REVIEW PARAS EIGHT, NINE AND TEN OF MOSCOW 18898 OF AUGUST 10, WHICH WAS OUR O-I RESPONSE TO YOURS OF AUGUST 7 (STATE 199525, PARA THREE.) YOU CAN GET A FAIRLY DETAILED UP-DATE ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE CONSULAR TALKS BY REVIEWING MOSCOW 19153 (AUGUST 11) AND MOSCOW 3861 (MARCH 7) TOGETHER WITH NON-PAPERS (INCLUDING OUR SUPPLEMENT ON TRANSIT VISAS) REFERRED TO IN PARAS ONE AND TWO OF LATTER CABLE WHICH WERE POUCHED TO LEN WILLEMS UNDER COVER OF DS-4 DATED MARCH 9. WE'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THE EMBASSY NON-PAPER, INCIDENTALLY, PROVIDES A SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF OUR PROPOSED QUID-QUO-PRO, WHILE CONGEN DRAFTED NON-PAPER PROVIDES CURRENT SUMMARY OF LENINGRAD'S COURIER PROBLEMS. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO CHECK ON STATUS OF STATE 170052. WE CANNOT TELL FOR CERTAIN WHETHER THE QUESTION OF REVISING U.S. CLOSED AREA MAP PER OUR PROPOSAL IN MOSCOW 11678 IS DEAD
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FOREVER OR WHETHER IT CAN BE DONE IN TIME TO BACK-STOP THE CONSULAR TALKS.

2. RE STATE 218926, PARA ONE: SHTERGAN CAME TO CONSULAR SECTION AUGUST 30 TO REPORT HE HAD EXIT PERMISSION. WE HAVE WRITTEN TO HIS RELATIVES ASKING FOR AOS AND TO GENEVA REQUESTING TCP. WE ANTICIPATE

NO PROBLEMS.

3. WHEN MARK WAS AT VOA BEFORE COMING OUT HERE, HE SAW A COPY OF DRAFT POLICY GUIDELINES. HE QUESTIONED THE EMPHASIS AND PRIORITY ATTACHED TO NEWS REPORTING AS COMPARED TO PRESENTING U.S. POLICIES. UPON REVIEWING THE MATTER HERE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THESE GUIDELINES ARE CENTRAL TO AN INTENSE DEBATE WHICH COULD BE CRUCIAL TO GETTING ON TOP OF THE MANY PROBLEMS REPRESENTED CREATED BY VOA HANDLING OF DISSIDENT AND OTHER INTERNAL SOVIET MATERIAL. RAY, WHOSE VIEWS ARE VERY SOUND BUT ARE NOT FULLY SHARRD BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON, HAS URGED THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE CONSULTED, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS HAS HAPPENED. YOU MIGHT WANT QUIETLY TO LOOK INTO THIS. BOTH EUR AND MARSHALL SHOULD HAVE A CRACK AT THE GUIDANCE. LET US KNOW THE STATUS PLEASE BEFORE JACK SCANLAN'S VISIT SEPTEMBER 10.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION EUR/SOV CAN SEND ON THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH IS COMING TO THE SOVIET UNION SEPTEMBER 2 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PREPARATORY TO THE 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE MEETING (STATE 200946 CONTAINS LIST OF NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS.) IF POSSIBLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION BY COB (MOSCOW) SEPTEMBER 2.

5. RE CODEL RIBICOFF/BELLMON, WILL JOHN RITCH AND JAN HOVINS OF THE SFRC STAAF BE COMING? MARK WORKED WITH THEM ON THE PONOMAREV TRIP AND WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE THEM AGAIN.

6. HAS JENKS TAKEN OVER HIS JOB IN COMMERCE? GARRISON

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